WORK ZONE DRIVING TIPS

The Three “S’s” of Managing Work Zone Safety are:

S*peed*
S*pace*
S*tress.*

Handle these three factors and you’re almost home free!

Manage Your ***S***peed

Slow down when approaching work zones

Follow posted speed limits; adjust speed for weather

conditions.

Don’t resume normal speed until roadway signs indicate it’s safe to do so.

Manage your *S*pace

- **Leave room.** Leave adequate braking room between your vehicle and the one ahead. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers.
- **Don’t pass on the shoulder; don’t drive across the median.** This creates a very dangerous situation for yourself, construction workers and other motorists.
- **Leave yourself an out.** When stopped in traffic, leave a safety zone between you and the vehicle in front of you. A good rule of thumb is that when traffic is stopped, you should be able to see the bottom of the tires of the vehicle in front of you.
- **Watch out for tailgaters**. Slow down. Do not force tailgaters to back off by slamming on your brakes.

Manage your ***S***tress

- **Keep your cool**. Calm down and don't rush. Remember, the temporary inconvenience of a construction zone will pay off with improved roads soon.
- **Pay attention**. Avoid cell phone or radio distractions. Avoid being distracted by other stopped vehicles or construction work.
- **Expect Delays.** Keep informed of construction sites on your route. The MoDot Work Zone Map is a good source of this information http://www.modot.mo.gov/workzones/WorkZoneMapIntro.htm Leave a bit earlier if necessary in order to arrive at your destination on time or consider using an alternate route.

Drive Smart in Work Zones to Arrive Alive!

- Buckle Up! Failure to wear a seat belt is the number one reason people die in traffic crashes. Of 894 fatalities in MO last year, 70.1% were not wearing seat belts.
- Stay alert! Dedicate your full attention to the roadway
- Follow signs! They'll guide you through work zones safely.
- Expect the Unexpected! Watch out for workers and equipment.
- Pay Attention! Turn the radio down and don't use your cellular phone.
- Be Patient! Remember, workers are improving the road for future travels.
- Don't Speed! Follow posted limits and adjust for weather conditions.
- Don't Drink and Drive! Impairment of any kind is unacceptable.
- Be Nice! Merge as directed, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone.

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STOP
MERGE